

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. R5-2005-

RESCINDING  
CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. 99-007  
FOR  
HUNT-WESSON, INC., CONAWAY RANCH AND HEIDRICK FARMS  
YOLO COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (hereafter Regional Board) finds that:

1. Hunt-Wesson, Inc. owned and operated a tomato cannery in the City of Davis, Yolo County. Wastewater from the tomato cannery was reclaimed for irrigation uses on land owned by Conaway Ranch And Heidrick Farms and treated at an overland flow facility owned and operated by Hunt-Wesson, Inc. prior to discharge to surface waters.
2. Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. 99-006 (NPDES No. CA0079227), adopted by the Regional Board on 30 April 1999, prescribe requirements for the discharge of wastewater from the tomato cannery to reclamation uses, land disposal and to surface water, Willow Slough Bypass.
3. Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. 99-007 required Hunt-Wesson, Inc., Conaway Ranch And Heidrick Farms to cease and desist from discharging waste in violation of Waste Discharge Requirements, specifically for excess discharges of BOD.
4. The tomato cannery ceased operations and has not discharged wastewater since 1999. Currently ConAgra Grocery Products Company owns the facility. The NPDES permit expired 30 April 2004. The Discharger has evaluated the soil of the overland flow treatment fields and the underlying groundwater, and assessed the potential fate and transport of waste materials remaining in the soils and groundwater. The Discharger submitted the evaluations and assessments in a final report dated 26 October 2004 and recommended no further action. Regional Board staff concurs with the site assessments and recommendation for no further action. The Discharger has requested rescission of the NPDES permit and Cease and Desist Order.
5. The Discharger and interested parties were notified of the intent to consider rescission of the CDO and provided an opportunity for public hearing and an opportunity to submit written views and recommendations.

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6. The issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.), in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15321.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Cease and Desist Order No. 99-007 is rescinded.

I, THOMAS R. PINKOS, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on \_\_\_\_\_.

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THOMAS R. PINKOS, Executive Officer